



# Silliman University Chronicle

## Silliman set to target Guinness Record 2011



Over 1,200 students holding candles formed themselves into a giant human peace sign at the West Quadrangle on September 21 to echo the message behind the celebration of the United Nations World Peace Day.

**L**ight up the World with Peace was the theme of an event that gathered more than one thousand students on the West Quadrangle of Silliman University in Dumaguete to create a human peace sign in candlelight. The event was part of the Peace Month 2010 celebration on the campus of Silliman University led by its Justice and Peace Center.

The Peace Month 2010 celebration created the candlelit human peace sign to express to the whole world that Silliman University was calling for peace. "This is a year when we must join together and be loud and clear in expressing our desire for peace because it is a year when the failures of the past Administration are behind us now" says Program Director of the Justice and Peace Center, Cobbie Palm, "The new Administration gives us hope that steps toward peace may be accelerated with the resumption of the peace talks and an end to the horrific chapter of our recent history of extrajudicial killings and rampant corruption".

The Silliman University students gathered near the por-

tals on Hibbard Avenue and began a peaceful march through the city of Dumaguete late in the afternoon of September 21, led by a drum band and streamers that lifted up the principle that there can be no peace without justice. The march culminated at the Silliman University West Quadrangle to form the human peace sign in candlelight. The emphasis of the day's activity was a call to the New Administration of President Aquino and all local government units to seize the moment and renew this nation by cleansing it of the demons that abuse power, exploit privilege and manipulate truth justice and peace.

Organized by the JPC, the event also launched what in 2011 will be Silliman University's attempt at forming the world's largest human peace sign and making it into the Guinness Book of Records. (Photos on Silliman's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SillimanUniversity](http://www.facebook.com/SillimanUniversity).)

## 7th in MedTech board

**A** fresh graduate of Silliman University who aspires to become a surgeon ranked seventh out of 910 passers in the Medical Technologist Board Exam administered early this month.

Patrick N. Vera Cruz, who is a son of an anesthesiologist, led the successful batch of 2010 of the Institute of Clinical and Laboratory Sciences (ICLS) who garnered a perfect passing rate of 100 percent. National passing percentage is 71.21 percent. Vera Cruz scored 89.10%, landing him at seventh place.

The rest of the new licensed medical technologists from Silliman are: Gazelle L. Alaban, Aldrin A. Aranas, Gleyne A. Avanzado, Leah Anne

Christine L. Bollos, Mir Olivet U. Cantila, Rodin Butch B. Chua, Felmarie Joy V. Edrial, Karl Dale T. Elivera, Liezel G. Gargoles, Christine Chona Grace F. Javier, Lovely April P. Lim, Gerard Eastdon Truadio D. Ochoco, Andre Angelica P. Olegario and Queen Anne K. Sayson. Another passer of the ICLS from another batch is Animee Fern B. Danigoy.

## 100% in Engineering

**B**atch 2010 of the Mechanical Engineering Department of the College of Engineering and Design garnered 100 percent in the Mechanical Engineer Board Exam administered September 9 and 10.

National passing average is 66.77 percent.

The thirteen new mechanical engineers from Silliman are: Aguilar, Robert Daniel Narvasa; Aquino, Ritchie Flores; Baldado, Benly Jones Magat; George, Francis Najib Intac; Guibao, Charlie Ciano; Jaro, Luigi Jess Olarte; Kitane, Alremcito Macalipay; Mahinay, Mark Gil Lim; Nuay, Vicmar Antonio;

Tamparong, John Jumer Barbosa; Uy, Kristian Lloyd Dakita; Villacampa, Arian Jay Liugan; and Villaflores, June Rey Alonso.

Meanwhile, also early this month, Silliman produced seven new electrical engineers: Alonso, Jun Xavier Balasabas; Bicar, Keith Eugene Chugnalao; Dingal, Rey Jr. Oirada; Malaga, Rey Jr. Yap; Paragas, Kent Anthony Mape; Tenaja, Miles Apuan; and Ybanez, Dennis Gayo.



## Silliman Day at SNV

Silliman alumna Laarni Katada led a group of Nutrition/Dietetics majors in the dance exercises that started the "Silliman Day" celebration on September 16 at the Sidlakang Negros Village. Silliman lined up a series of activities for that day and capped it with a cultural night, with performances by the Silliman Jazz Band and the Kahayag Dance Troupe. The event was Silliman's contribution to the Province of Negros Oriental as it celebrates Tourism Month. (More photos on Silliman's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/SillimanUniversity](http://www.facebook.com/SillimanUniversity).)

## This week in SILLIMAN

### Accreditation

The Elementary Department of the School of Basic Education underwent Level II accreditation by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities from September 22 to 24. Accreditation seeks to evaluate the competencies and programs of academic institutions in the areas of instruction, research and extension.

### WiFi Densification

A new partnership with Smart Communications will expand the number of access points for wireless internet around the campus to 25. At present, there are ten (10) hotspots being maintained by Globe. This will make available internet browsing for a minimal fee in key areas where students usually convene, including the dormitories.

### Silliman Jacket

Available for sale at the Cafeteria are Silliman jackets. The jackets are a new addition to the souvenir items of the University. Silliman sling bags and umbrellas were made available starting last month, in time for the Founders Day.

### Vending Machines

Being considered is a proposal from Nestle to install vending machines in key areas around the campus. The initial number of vending machines will sell cold and hot coffee.

## Oldest Founders Day Visitor

**At age 94, Mr. Peter Blanco is believed to be the oldest alumnus to have visited Silliman University this school year. Mr. Blanco is based in California and is the youngest brother of the late Mr. Manuel Utzurum who served Silliman as University Treasurer and after whom the Manuel B. Utzurum Business and Finance Center was named.**

